



The EXBS Program

EXPORT CONTROL AND RELATED BORDER SECURITY

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- Created by the Department of State, following up on antecedent program created and administered by the Department of Defense in the early 1990s
- Assists foreign governments in bringing their export control systems up to international standards and establishing the capability to interdict illicit trafficking in WMD and related materials, delivery systems, dual use items and conventional weapons
- Consults and partners with interested countries to exchange information about export control and border security “best practices”
- Original focus on former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, but since 9/11 progressively more global focus
- Supports efforts by countries to comply with UNSCR 1540 requirements



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The **EXBS** program works bilaterally and multilaterally to improve export control capabilities in the following areas:

- **Comprehensive Legal/Regulatory Frameworks** that meet international standards in controlling exports and re-exports; transits and transshipments; brokering and technology transfers
- **Effective Licensing Procedures and Practices**, including interagency coordination, development of national control lists, automated licensing systems, and end-use/end-user analysis
- **Enforcement Techniques and Equipment** that include inspection, interdiction, investigation, and prosecution
- **Government Outreach to Industry** and the public to improve awareness and compliance under national laws (also called for by UNSCR 1540)
- **Interagency Coordination** and cooperation between ministries (e.g., licensing and enforcement)



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The **EXBS** program is engaged on 5 continents and in approximately 64 countries in the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East



Since its inception in 1998, the **EXBS** program has funded bilateral and regional cooperative efforts worth nearly \$400 million including:

- Over 1,472 technical exchanges and workshops
- \$216.5M of inspection and interdiction equipment
- Regional Conferences and Seminars



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The **EXBS** program is managed and funded by the U.S. Department of State

It is implemented by drawing on the expertise of the private sector, nongovernmental organizations, and other United States Government agencies, including:

- **the Department of Homeland Security**
 - Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
 - Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
 - U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)
- **the Department of Commerce**
- **the Department of Energy**
- **the Department of Defense**
- **the Department of Justice**





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EXBS provides capacity-building trainings and workshops that address critical elements of **Export Control Systems**:

Legal and Regulatory

- “Basic Legal and Regulatory Training”
- “Model Law, Regimes Harmonization, and UNSCR 1540 Compliance Workshop”
- “Brokering Regulations Drafting Workshop”



Licensing Practices and Procedures

- “National Dual-Use Control List Workshop”
- “Catch-All Controls on Non-Listed Items”
- “Brokering Controls”



Government Outreach

- “Government/Industry Relations Forum”
- “Internal Control Program Workshop”



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Recent **EXBS** licensing and legal/regulatory workshops, seminars, and consultations have contributed to the development, review, strengthening and consolidation of export control laws in a number of countries -- including Albania, Croatia, Macedonia, Mexico, Montenegro, India, Pakistan, Panama and Serbia





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EXBS works with Enforcement Agencies to establish modern border crossing points and to improve the capabilities of border and customs officials to detect and interdict smuggling activities at land borders, seaports, and airports.



- Trainings address basic and advanced enforcement techniques and capabilities, e.g.:
 - “Proliferation Awareness Training” (DOE/INECP)
 - “Strategic Commodity Identification Training” (DOE/INECP)
 - “International Border Interdiction Training” (DHS/CBP)
 - “International Seaport Interdiction Training” (DHS/CBP)
 - “International Airport Interdiction Training” (DHS/CBP)
 - “Targeting and Risk Management” (DHS/CBP)
 - “WMD Controlled Delivery Investigations Training” (DHS/ICE)



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To facilitate detection and the ultimate interdiction of hidden contraband, **EXBS** has provided advanced x-ray screening systems to customs and border police officers around the globe:

Serbia, January 2007, X-ray van
Ukraine, June 2007 Z Backscatter van
Jordan, Oct 2007 Z Backscatter van
Vietnam, May 2008 X-ray van
Kosovo, May 2008 X-ray van
Turkey, Summer 2008 Z Backscatter van





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To stem the flow of nuclear and radiological material, **EXBS** provides advanced radiation detection and identification capabilities coupled with first-responders and incident response training:



- Radiation portal monitors provided by **EXBS** were installed or upgraded at key land crossings and sea ports in 8 countries.



- In Serbia, **EXBS** collaborated with the VINCA Institute to develop training courses on nuclear and chemical materials smuggling for customs and police officers from around the region.





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EXBS also works with enforcement agencies to improve control over Green Borders:



- In Eastern Europe and the Balkans, EXBS has provided x-ray vans, vehicles, communications equipment, and other enforcement-related equipment to develop mobile border teams to deter and interdict illegal trafficking.
- In Central Asia, modular buildings are being deployed by EXBS along borders where a more permanent outpost is needed.
- Border monitoring sensors have been deployed under the EXBS program in numerous partner countries including most recently in Oman.
- Cargo scanning equipment, heavy-duty cranes, and forklifts were delivered to various Afghan BCPs early this year.



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EXBS provision of inspection and detection equipment and training to enforcement agencies, has led to numerous successful interdictions and improved contraband seizure rates in partner countries of as much as 120% annually. Recently:

- ❑ In the fall of 2007 Serbian Customs officers stationed at Gradina Border Crossing (with Bulgaria) employed EXBS-donated inspection equipment and techniques learned in EXBS funded training to stop and search a suspicious cargo truck, resulting in the seizure of more than 160 kilos of heroin.
- ❑ Customs officers discovered the drugs hidden in a false compartment in the truck cab wall behind the driver's seat.
- ❑ This was the largest drug seizure in the history of Serbian Customs.



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Kosovo Customs intercepted ammunition smuggling (July 2008)

- Stopped suspicious car at the border
- Questioned driver and observed that inside back walls had been modified
- Search turned up 17,000+ rounds of ammo hidden within the back walls





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- In 2007 Macedonian Customs confiscated 882 pounds of cocaine using EXBS-provided x-ray vans. Valued at over 50 million Euros, the seizure was the largest in Macedonian history.





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- Several scrap metal shipments turned back at the borders by Serbian and Macedonian Customs due to excessive radiation levels (2007 & 2008)
 - EXBS-provided Radiation Pagers alarmed, Customs officers stopped the shipments, isolated them and called in the experts
- Chemical shipment to Iran stopped by Macedonian Customs (June 2008)
 - Manifest stated diesel fuel – viewed as suspicious
 - Customs inspection determined truck contained a toxic chemical
 - Customs isolated the vehicle, consulted with experts in Skopje and the U.S., then returned the shipment



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Upcoming and Recent EXBS program-sponsored multilateral events include:

- 9th International Export Control Conference, October 2008, Croatia
- OSCE Mediterranean Partners Seminar on MANPADS, October 2008, Vienna
- U.S.-Morocco Transshipment Conference, May 2008, Tangier
- OAS 1540 Workshop, May 2008, Argentina
- Caribbean Community Seminar on Small Arms/Light Weapons, December 2007, The Bahamas
- 8th International Export Control Conference, March 2007, Romania





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The U.S. Department of State, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Office of Export Control Cooperation (ISN/ECC) also chairs an interagency working group to coordinate other U.S. Government export and border control cooperative programs, including:

- Department of Defense International Counterproliferation Program
- Department of Defense CTR / Proliferation Prevention Initiative
- Department of Energy Second Line of Defense & Megaports Initiative
- Department of Energy International Radiological Threat Reduction Program
- Department of Energy International Nonproliferation Export Control Program
- Department of Homeland Security / Customs and Border Protection activities funded by State Department Counternarcotics, Law Enforcement and Counterterrorism Programs



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